guidelines in respect of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) at present. However, the Government had on the basis of the suggestions made by the National Workshop on Crop Insurance held in 1990 issued certain guidelines to various States/U.Ts. in November, 1990 on functioning of State Crop Insurance Funds, seasonality discipline, prevention of delay in settlement of indemnity claims strengthening of crop cutting machinery, deficiencies of crop credit system and role of credit institutions.

Production of oil seeds and pulses

1498. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any incentives to the small and marginal farmers during 1991-92 for increasing the production of oil seeds and pulses; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to meet growing demand for pulses and oil seeds with details of present production of such crops in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) For increasing the production of oilseeds and pulses, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes *viz.* Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) are being implemented in different States during 1991-92. Under these programmes preference is given to small and marginal farmers and other Weaker sections of the farming community (SC) & (ST) farmers by providing various agricultural inputs at concessional rates.

(b) The production of pulses is estimated at 14.06 million tonnes and that of oilseeds at 19.10 million tonnes during 1990-91. To increase the production of oilseeds and pulses in a given time frame, a mission approach has been adopted to the Tecnology Mission on Cilseeds & Pulses. Programmes have been taken up to tackle the problem from all angles i. e. development of production and processing technology, input support services to the farmers and marketing support. Input support is provided to the farmehs through the implementation of Oilseers Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) which provides financial support for production and distribution of seeds, rhyzobium culture, plant protection chemicals and equipment, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets and gypsum & pyrites distribution. Demonstrations of improved seeds and packages of proctices have also been taken up under these schemes.

Availability of foodgrains

1499. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country;

(b) whether it is likely to meet the requirements of the country during the current financial year; and

(c) if not, the manner in which Government propose to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The provisional estimate of net per capita availability of foodgrains in the country for 1991 is 187.07 kgs.

(b) and (c) The stock of foodgrains with the public agencies as

on 1.10.1991 was of the order of 15.6 million tonnes, which is considered to be sufficient to meet the reasonable requirements of the Public Distribution System.

Assistance to draught affected areas in Madhya Pradesh

1500. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States and areas of the country where crop yield has declined sharply due to lack of rain this year; and

(b) what assistance Government have provided to the State Government for providing employment to the migrating workers there especially Mahakaushal, Chhatisgarh and Vindhyachal areas of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) It is too early to indicate the size of the crop yield based on the crop cutting experiments for the current year, as the same have not yet become due from the States. However, as per the current assessment, the crop yields of some crops are expected to be less this year, as compared to previous year, in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, etc. on account of dry spelle and aberrant weather conditions in these areas.

(b) Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, the State Govt. is required to incur all expenditure from the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) allotted to the State. A State level Committee headed by the Chif Secreatary is competent to decide on all matters including the norms of assistance. Madhya Pradesh has an annual Calamity Relief Fund of Rs. 37.00 crores consisting of Rs. 27.75 crores Central contribution and Rs. 9.25 crores State's contribution. During 1991-92, Central Govt. has already released three quarterly instalments of its share amounting to Rs. 20.81 crores.

बीजों का उत्पादन और वितरण

1501. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में उन्नत किस्म के बीजों के उत्पादन तथा विपणन के लिए 1963 में राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम की स्थापना की गई थी ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि निगम अपने उद्देश्य में विफल रहा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस निगम द्वारा 1990-91 के दौरान विभिन्न किस्मों के बीजों की कुल कितनी-कितनी मात्रा का उत्पादन तथा वितरण किया गया और इस निगम द्वारा देश में बीजों की कुल आवश्यकता के कितने प्रतिशत भाग को पूरा किया जा सका ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले वर्ष देश में बीजों का आयात करना पड़ा था ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) निगम के कार्यकरण के संबंध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार कर रही है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचंद्रन) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम ने कम्पनी के संगम के ज्ञापन के तहत यथा परिभाषित अपना कार्य किया है ।